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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

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Madam:

The undersigned formally requests an interview with Examiner Paulette Kidwell and her Supervising Examiner.

This application has received three NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT all based on a March 26, 2007 Notification of Missing Requirements. The first NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT was mailed on March 27, 2008, and was overcome by Applicants' Petition to Withdraw Abandonment because Applicants did not receive the Notification of Missing Requirements. (*See* December 8, 2008, Patent Office Decision.) This Patent Office Decision also *vacated* the March 26, 2007, Notification of Missing Requirements. (*Id.*)

Following this Patent Office Decision, Examiner Kidwell sent Applicants two additional NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT, one on January 22, 2009, and one on February 20, 2009. As of February 27, 2009, Applicants have not received either NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT at its correspondence address.

Applicants called Examiner Kidwell after the January 22, 2009, NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT and were informed by Examiner Kidwell that the January 22, 2009, NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT had been issued in error and would be withdrawn by the Patent Office. No withdrawal of the NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT has yet appeared in Private Pair. Rather, Applicants discovered a second NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT dated February 20, 2009, after a routine check of Private Pair. Applicants again called Examiner Kidwell regarding this second NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT and were informed that it to had been issued in error, and that it to would be withdrawn. As of February 27, 2009, no withdrawal of either 2009 NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT appears on Private Pair, necessitating this request for an interview with the Examiner and her Supervising Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with Examiner Kidwell and her Supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

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